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100TH
GRADUATING CLASS

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A Century of Excellence



As I read through our soon-to-be published history book, it is apparent the important role our alumnae have played. Over the years, you have guided and supported the schools of Rupert's Land, Riverbend and Balmoral Hall through many difficult yet rewarding phases. The world has changed over the years but the focus of the School is still the same. This year our 100th class will be graduating, and like you, they are destined to make a difference.

Tradition continues to play an important role at BH. Since I began as Head, I have relied on you to help guide our future and help me learn about our cherished traditions. Although the physical setting of the School has changed, the importance of alumnae has not. It has been a very rewarding experience meeting and working with you.

Now it's your turn to celebrate, laugh, renew friendships, reminisce and commemorate your place in Balmoral Hall's history. Our students have always been known for their school spirit and pride. This year, you have a special opportunity to leave a lasting impression – again.

Join your classmates in showing your appreciation for all your great school memories by joining the staff and students of Balmoral Hall at the alumnae *Centennial Reunion*. I look forward to seeing you on May 3, 4 & 5th.

If you are unable to join us, please stop by the School anytime – we would love to see you. I look forward to continuing in our quest to *Seek Better Things*.

Claire Sumerlus

Claire Sumerlus,
Head of School



Coming Home



Balmoral Hall has a special place in its heart for alumnae – it is through their accomplishments that we see our vision come alive! Celebrating our past 100 years has truly been an enriching experience for students and staff. We look forward to sharing in your memories as you return to Balmoral Hall and celebrate this special reunion.

Meliora Petens,

Jackie Copp

Jackie Copp,
Director of Middle School

Welcome Back



Along with the academic education you received, lifelong friendships were also established. We hope that your connection with the School, your teachers and classmates strengthens during your visit. As you travel down the path of memories, may you laugh, chat and even shed a tear. The centennial celebrations bring to mind a quote that epitomizes the spirit Havergal, Rupert's Land, Riverbend and Balmoral Hall Schools:

"Don't walk before me I may not follow,
Don't walk behind me I may not lead,
Just walk beside me and be my friend."

May you always have your school friends in your heart.

Judith Steek

Judith Steek,
Director of Junior School

Six alums of the 1930s joined us in November at the decade assembly prepared by the Grade 9s to honour the '30s.

From left to right: Edith (Bullock) Brewer RLS '39, Barbara (Hamon) Aldous RLS '38, Betty (Foster) Wilcox RLS '34, Amanda Aldous '02 – Alumnae Prefect, Ferne (Lount) Rose RIV '39, Dora (Marchant) Carpenter RIV '37 and Dossie (MacLean) Harrison RIV '37

Balmoral Hall, a leading contemporary all-girls school, is committed to a tradition of academic excellence. We educate, encourage and empower our girls and young women to achieve their personal best.

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77 Class Photos Found...44 to Go!

In recognition of our 100th birthday, the School is mounting a permanent exhibition of photos representing every graduating class. Since Balmoral Hall is the amalgamation of Riverbend and Rupert's

Land Schools in 1950, there have been 121 graduating classes! We need your help to find the remaining 45 class photos. The following alums have recently donated or lent us their photos so that they may be reproduced and framed. Thank you!

1931 RLS Marjorie (Hunt) Campbell RLS '31
1949 RLS Elinor 'Nona' Shaw RLS '50
1950 RLS Marlene (Musgrove) Lansdown RLS '50
1938 RIV Ferne (Lount) Rose RIV '39
1945 RIV Nora (McLeod) Abbott RIV '46
1953 Joan (Malaher) Williams '53
1954 Sandy (Pearson) Urwin '90
1956 & 57 Lyn Stephen '57
1960 Pam (MacCharles) Pettigrew '60
1965 Kay (Alexander) Shawcross '65
1969 Shelagh 'Sam' (Macdonald) Wilde '69
1971 Cynthia Lone '71

Please search your photo albums, attics and old boxes for the following class photos:

Havergal

Missing all years from 1902 – 16 except 1909

Rupert's Land

Missing 1917 – 23, 28, 29, 32, 33, 44

Riverbend

Missing 1929, 30, 31, 32, 33, 37, 40, 49

Balmoral Hall School

Missing 1952, 59, 70, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78

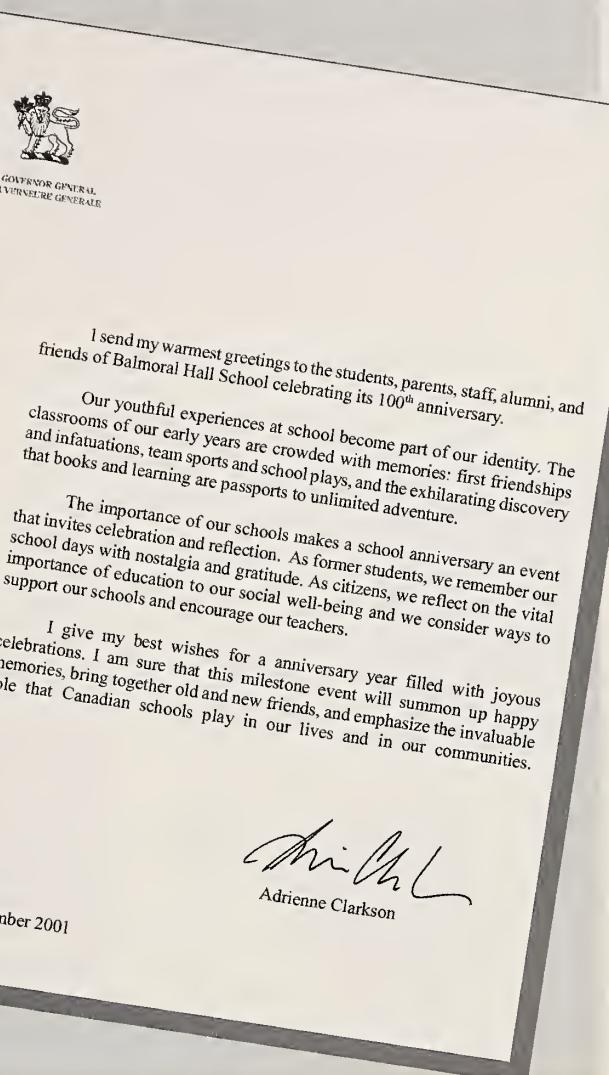
A reproduction will be made and the original will be returned to you. For further information, please contact the Alumnae Office at (204) 784-1603 or email alumnae@balmoralhall.com

From the Governor General



Adrienne Clarkson
Governor General

Photo by:
Andrew MacNaughtan



I send my warmest greetings to the students, parents, staff, alumni, and friends of Balmoral Hall School celebrating its 100th anniversary.

Our youthful experiences at school become part of our identity. The classrooms of our early years are crowded with memories: first friendships and infatuations, team sports and school plays, and the exhilarating discovery that books and learning are passports to unlimited adventure.

The importance of our schools makes a school anniversary an event that invites celebration and reflection. As former students, we remember our school days with nostalgia and gratitude. As citizens, we reflect on the vital importance of education to our social well-being and we consider ways to support our schools and encourage our teachers.

I give my best wishes for a anniversary year filled with joyous celebrations. I am sure that this milestone event will summon up happy memories, bring together old and new friends, and emphasize the invaluable role that Canadian schools play in our lives and in our communities.


Adrienne Clarkson

November 2001

Stop by for a Special Decade Assembly

With Balmoral Hall's centennial year upon us, staff and students have been eagerly preparing for their part in the celebrations. Since September, special student-led presentations honouring each decade have coincided with the monthly assemblies.

Join us for our special assemblies in the Richardson Hall Athletic Centre:
Celebrating the 1950s – Feb. 22 at 9 a.m.
Celebrating the 1960s – March 8 at 9 a.m.
Celebrating the 1970s – April 19 at 9 a.m.



Dossie (MacLean) Harrison RIV '37 touring with Grade 5 students in the Junior Gym after the 1930s assembly.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Havergal & Rupert's Land

1901 – 06 Miss M.J. Dalton
1906 – 27 Miss Eva L. Jones
1927 – 36 Miss G.E. Millard
1936 – 50 Miss E.M. Bartlett

Riverbend

1929 – 34 Miss Joan Foster
1934 – 50 Miss J. May Carter

Balmoral Hall School

1950 – 66 Miss G. Murrell-Wright
1966 – 74 Dr. Harriet Perry
1974 – 76 Mr. R. Martin Kenney
1976 – 86 Mr. N. Thomas Russell
1986 – 89 Mr. E.G. (Ted) Staunton
1989 – 95 Mr. Brian Porter
1995 – 99 Mrs. Diane Bieber
1999 – present Mrs. Claire Sumerlus



To celebrate our history of leadership, photographs of all Heads of School are now on display at the front of the School.

Our Heads of School

The Portal spoke to five former heads of Balmoral Hall to find out what they've been up to since leaving our hallowed halls.

by Jennifer (Thamer) Meister '85



Martin Kenney (1974 – 76)

When Kenney left BH in 1976 he left behind a much stronger school than when he arrived.

"I was hired to keep the school open," says Kenney. "We had stopped accepting boarders and the school was in danger of closing but we worked hard and were able to keep it open."

Kenney left BH to take up the challenge of President at Notre Dame College in Wilcox, Saskatchewan, a co-educational residential school with 450 students. At Notre Dame, Kenney faced challenges similar to those he had encountered at BH. The school was in danger of closing but he was able to turn it around and it is still operating today.

Kenney retired from Notre Dame in 1992. Retirement didn't last though. Before long he grew restless and took on the post of head of an International Baccalaureate School in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. With two thousand students and 200 staff, this position presented one of the biggest challenges of Kenney's career.

Kenney retired again in 1998 and he and his wife settled in Musquodoboit Harbour, Nova Scotia. Today, Kenney spends time enjoying his grandchildren and watching

the political exploits of his son, Jason Kenney – a Member of Parliament and a BH alum (Kindergarten to Grade 2).

"I spent 38 years in education, 28 as a headmaster, and enjoyed every minute of it," says Kenney.



Martin Kenney received this painting of a BH girl by artist Joanne Hull upon his departure. In the late 90s, he donated it back to BH and it is now displayed in Junior School.

(Tom & Janet Russell on board canal longboat in England in May 2001.)



Thomas Russell (1976 – 86)

Given the list of activities he's been involved in, Thomas Russell doesn't seem to have had a dull moment since retiring to Vancouver Island in 1986. The man who spent a decade at BH now lives in the oldest house in a little village just outside Victoria and is involved in everything from Worklink – a job finding club sponsored by the provincial government, to Volunteer Victoria.

When he first moved to Victoria, Russell spent a year teaching study skills at the various independent schools on Vancouver Island. Although he enjoyed the teaching immensely, he didn't enjoy the amount of travel, and he began to pursue other projects. In 1998, he wrote *Strength of Association* – a book articling the history of the Canadian Association of Independent Schools.

"Those who remember me will be surprised by what I did next," says Russell of his days as a part-time sales person at Eddie Bauer. Russell and his wife, who also joined the Eddie Bauer team, enjoyed selling outerwear and remain friends with some of their fellow sales associates.

The Russells also swim, play tennis, lawn bowl and go to the gym twice a week. Of course, they are also kept busy visiting their five grandchildren who live in Vancouver and Calgary. The Russells hope to attend the *Centennial Reunion* this May and look forward to seeing so many familiar faces from their decade at BH.



Ted Staunton (1986 – 89)

Ted & Jane Staunton

Today, Ted Staunton heads St. Andrews College, an all-boys' school with a 110-acre campus in Aurora, Ontario. Staunton joined

St. Andrews in 1997 after eight years at Lower Canada College in Montreal, which he joined as headmaster when he left BH. Staunton was responsible for many changes at Lower Canada College, including introducing girls at the traditionally all-male school.

Staunton has fond memories of his days at BH and to this day keeps in touch with many of the people he met while in Winnipeg. "When I arrived at BH, the school had seventeen boarders with capacity for many more," says Staunton. "So I got in my car and drove around Northern Manitoba and Northern Ontario telling people about BH."

When not busy with his activities at St. Andrews, Staunton spends time with his wife and daughters Rebecca, Emily and Elizabeth. Rebecca is now head of a high school English Department; Emily has a fine-arts degree from Concordia University and now lives in Boston where she works for an on-line auction house; and seventeen-year-old Elizabeth who, according to her father, "terrorized Junior Kindergarten at BH for a year" now attends high school in Aurora.



Brian Porter
(1989 – 1995)

Following BH, Brian Porter was appointed head of two schools. His first appointment was overseas at the Munich International School in Germany, a co-educational IB school of 850 students and more than 100 teachers and staff from over 50 different nations. Then he returned to Canada to Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School, a co-educational school of 600 students with a superb outdoor education program located close to Calgary, near the foothills of the Rockies.

Today, Brian makes his home in Southwestern Ontario. Having been the head of four independent schools – including the Bermuda High School for Girls

From the Prime Minister



Jean Chrétien
Prime Minister

Photo by:
J.M. Carisse



PRIME MINISTER · PREMIER MINISTRE

I am delighted to convey my warmest greetings to the students and staff of Balmoral Hall School on the occasion of its centennial.

For 100 years, Balmoral Hall School has played an important role in the personal and professional development of its students. It has offered invaluable educational challenges to our nation's young people, while at the same time providing a stimulating social environment that has encouraged community interaction. I know that this school's history will serve as an inspiration and guide to the generations still to come.

Please accept my best wishes for a most memorable celebration and for every success in the future.

Jean Chrétien

OTTAWA
2001



(1985–89) – he altered his career path by taking advantage of his fundraising experience as a head of independent schools, to become the Director of Corporations and Foundations at the University of Waterloo. Brian and his family Jill, Joan BH '01, and Margot BH '04 and he live in the beautiful and historic downtown of Guelph, Ontario.

Diane Bieber
(1995 – 1999)

*Diane & Andy
Bieber*



Diane and husband Andy reside in Winnipeg but often go out to the west coast. Since her days at BH, she has involved herself in many volunteer activities. She is currently a board member of the Friends of the Conservatory of Assiniboine Park, involved with the Children's Museum and helps out at various events for Special Olympics.

To stay busy, she works part-time at Banfield & Jones, a local wine store owned by her friend Tina Jones. She also works out regularly, enjoys gardening and is truly enjoying life!



1991



1937



1933

Discover Our History

Balmoral Hall School is celebrating its 100th anniversary with a one-of-a-kind memento—a history book. Full of pictures and stories, it traces the growth of one of Western Canada's oldest and finest independent educational institutions from its modest beginnings, through two World Wars, overcoming the hurdles of amalgamation and on into the 21st century.

Discover what school was like at the turn of the century, find out how and why the schools were founded and how they joined, relive the excitement and fear of life in Residence, the thoughts of the various Headmistresses, what the uniforms were like, Sports Day, the opening of new facilities, fundraising, debating, and much more.

In words and pictures, author Murray Peterson captures the spirit, friendships and memories of school days at Havergal, Rupert's Land, Riverbend and Balmoral

Hall Schools. The book will be launched in early February at the School's Centennial Production "If They Could See Me Now" and will be available at the reunion in May.



1954

1959

Looking for Yearbooks!

Havergal

Any and all years welcome. We have no way of knowing whether Havergal published a yearbook every year from 1902 to 1916. We have a few (1910, 1913, 1914, 1915) but any additional ones would be terrific to have.

Rupert's Land

Looking for yearbooks from 1917, 18, 19, 20, 34, 35, 37, 38. There was a period, 1922-28, during which no yearbooks were published. There may have been other gaps as well.

Riverbend & Balmoral Hall

We have yearbooks representing every graduating class!



Young Alum Survey

This fall, a group of students from U of M participating in the Technet Program conducted a research study about our recent graduates. A survey was administered to alums with graduation years between 1992 and 2001 to determine their satisfaction with current services, the importance of staying connected with the School, and to gather ideas for future alumnae events. The response rate was 24% with sixty-six alumnae responding.

Results

- Staying connected with their former classmates is important
- Young alums would like to attend one or two events per year on weekend evenings
- The Top 5 event suggestions were: reunions, pub nights, formal events, socials and receptions in the city where they reside.
- The major factor hindering their attendance is distance
- The usage of BH services (Portal, Website, E-mail Directory) is high
- 75% of respondents expressed interest in volunteering their time

Congratulations

Survey respondents had the opportunity to enter their name in a draw for a free registration (valued at \$150) to the alumnae *Centennial Reunion* May 3 – 5, 2002. Our winner is Neela Kati '94. We look forward to seeing Neela and many young alumnae at the reunion!

From the Lieutenant Governor



Peter M. Liba
Lieutenant Governor

(and grandfather
of Kelsey Lacombe,
Grade 3)



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A MESSAGE FROM THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF MANITOBA

As Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, I am delighted to extend greetings to the students, staff, parents, alumnae and friends of Balmoral Hall School as you celebrate its 100th anniversary this year. Congratulations on reaching this significant milestone.

Balmoral Hall has an impressive history in Manitoba. Since its founding as Havergal College in 1901, the school has stayed true to the vision of providing the students with a quality education. While now offering co-ed classes to its youngest members, Balmoral Hall is primarily known as an independent girls' school with a program of studies geared to their specific learning styles. It plays an important role in allowing young women to reach their full personal and academic potentials and become responsible, caring members of society.

I commend the countless individuals – past and present – who have contributed to Balmoral Hall's achievements throughout the past century. Our young people are our most important resource. We are all indebted to those who work to develop their energy, creativity and intelligence for therein lies our future and tomorrow's leaders.

I extend my best wishes to all associated with Balmoral Hall School. May your well-deserved reputation for quality education continue to flourish for the next 100 years.

The Honourable Peter M. Liba, C.M., O.M.

BH Centennial Alumnae Social

Thursday, May 2nd, 2002
8:00 p.m. – 1 a.m.
BH Atrium

Cash Bar – friends, dates and husbands welcome

Ice Nine featuring Sarah Coyle '97
has been invited to perform

Tickets are \$10 and will be available in March at the front office (Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)
Limited tickets available

For more information www.balmoralhall.com
or (204) 784-1608



MESSAGE FROM THE REUNION CHAIR



Sisters Catherine (Coughlin) Thiessen '78 and Christy (Coughlin) Bangen '79 (left) and sisters Aynsley (Hinchliffe) Cockshott '83 and Heather (Hinchliffe) Ragot '81 (right) in September 2001 at the Kick Off Reception in Aikins House.

Can't Wait to See You!

by Heather (Hinchliffe) Ragot '81, Chair of the Centennial Reunion

The committee and I have had a very busy fall! Besides adjusting to married life and finishing my Masters in Education, we have put the finishing touches on a few centennial projects.

In the last edition of *The Portal*, the registration form was published. Hopefully you have had a chance to send yours in or will do so soon to take advantage of the early bird registration fee! We've included another copy in this issue so that it is handy.

A big thanks goes to the registration committee for doing the work necessary to complete this project. Souvenir items have also been selected and you are now able to purchase those items using the enclosed brochure.

One of the highlights of this fall was the "kick off" party held in September. The committee was able to view the souvenir items selected over the summer and enjoy the premier showing of a wonderful video put together by our Spanish Teacher Mrs. Jennifer McDonald and by students Leah Wong and Katie Reynolds. The video focuses on the different uniforms worn by the three schools. Watching the video for us brought laughter and tears and many, many fond comments about our own memories of the uniform. We can hardly wait for everyone to see it at the Gala Dinner!

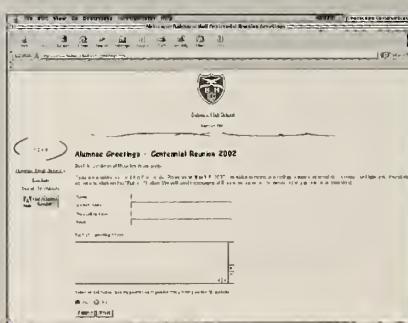
Time is rushing on and the big weekend draws close. Many talented people are working towards a great weekend and we hope to see you all there!

Send your Class a Greeting!

If you are unable to attend but would like to send a message to your class, please mail to Balmoral Hall School Alumnae Association, 630 Westminster Avenue, Winnipeg, MB, R3C 3S1 or visit the school website at

www.balmoralhall.com/greetings.htm

We will be posting all greetings at the reunion!



Centennial Reunion
May 3-5, 2002

Your Centennial Reunion Planning Committee!

Heather (Hinchliffe) Ragot '81, Chair
Barbara (Hamon) Aldous RLS '38
Arla (Button) Sidebottom RLS '47
Carolyn (Dowler) Reid Graham RIV '49
Daphne (White) Lindsay RIV '49
Lyn Stephen '57
Carole Ann (Cory) Baron '59
Linda (Leach) Radcliffe '63
Lili (Swaffield) Cohen '64
Kay (Alexander) Shavcross '65
Ditte (Lansky) Cloutier '66
Leslie (Stovell) Sprange '67
Marilyn Williams '67
Lisa Shore '75
Deborah Metcalfe '76
Drew Salter '77
Catherine (Coughlin) Thiessen '78
Cynthia (Kilpatrick) Eaton '79
Tracy Maconachie '80
Jocelyn Peifer '80
Liz Robertson '80
Diane Sidebottom-Roulston '80
Shelley Muir '81
Susan Graham Scott '81
Maria (Clark) Lysack '82
Jackie Cantin '83
Aynsley (Hinchliffe) Cockshott '83
Megan Jessiman '83
Tannis Leach '83
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Angela (Nichol) Dybors '85
Diane Puttee '85
Darlene (Andison) Burke '88
Heather (Jessiman) Partridge '90
Rebecca Staunton '90
Ardyth DeFehr '91
Jennifer Baron '91
Wendy Welby '91
Vivian (Cousineau) Desjardins '94
Gwynne Johannesson '95
Heather Dawson '96
Sarah Young '98
Alexis Cloutier '98
Laura Fletcher '00
Sarah Coates '00
Erin Palmer '00
Rachel Corrin '00
Kelsey Mills '01
Amanda Aldous '02
Danielle Matte '02
Aliza Sharfe '02

Several other alums have volunteered to help on-site during the weekend. If you are able to help, please enclose a message with your registration form.

Centennial Reunion

Centennial Reunion Schedule of Events

Here is what we have in store for you. We hope you will be able to join us as we reunite 100 years of alumnae at one big weekend celebration!

To get up-to-date information throughout the year, keep your eye on our website, www.balmoralhall.com

Friday, May 3, 2002

2:30	School Assembly
3:30	Registration in Gym
4:00 – 8:00	Dinner on own
8:00	Decade Parties at The Fairmont Winnipeg (Portage & Main)

Saturday, May 4, 2002

10:30	Registration at BH
11:00 – 12:00	Special meeting of the Alumnae Association
12:00 – 4:00	“Afternoon at BH” includes lunch, tours, demonstrations by students, show in theatre, archive displays, souvenirs and more.
6:00 – 1:00	Gala Dinner at The Fairmont Winnipeg

Sunday, May 5, 2002

11:00	Service at Holy Trinity Church (for Rupe alums)
1:00	Service at Westminster United Church

P.S. Your Registration Form is enclosed in this issue! Register early and save \$15 – the early-bird deadline is March 15, 2002.

Will You Be the 100th Alum Registered?

by Maria (Clark) Lysack '82 and Daphne (White) Lindsay RIV '49, Registration Co-Chairs

Now that another busy holiday season has passed us by, it is time to turn our thoughts towards another big celebration... the *Centennial Reunion*.



As registration co-chairs, we would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have already sent in your registration forms. For those of you who still haven't registered, please don't delay – March 15, 2002 is the early bird registration deadline. Any registrations received after March 15th will be subject to the regular \$150.00 fee.

If getting the early bird fee isn't enough incentive to send your registration in early, perhaps the chance to be the 100th alum registered will be! Our 100th registration will receive a keepsake souvenir from the reunion weekend. It will be something to treasure along with your memories of a great reunion weekend!

The *Centennial Reunion* is something that you don't want to miss. We look forward to receiving your registration form and then seeing you in person in May. We are counting the days already!

Our First 10 alumnae registered were:

1. Ditte (Lansky) Cloutier '66
2. Alexis Cloutier '98
3. Cynthia Lone '71
4. Linda (Leach) Radcliffe '63
5. Frances 'Dime' (Aikins) Riley RIV '36
6. Gail (Burrows) Cipryk '57
7. Shirley (Rooper) Richardson RIV '42
8. Deborah Metcalfe '76
9. Anne (Sellers) Harvey '62
10. Claire (Anderson) Prentice RIV '51

Watch the Website

Keep your eye on the website for the names of alums who have registered. We'll be updating it regularly as we approach May!

Centennial Reunion

Friday, May 3, 2002



2:30 p.m. – School Assembly

The students and staff look forward to kicking off your reunion weekend with a special school assembly. Meet today's students and see the school in action. Registration will follow in gymnasium.

4–8 p.m. – Plan a Class Dinner!

To allow classes to get together for dinner, no formal activities have been scheduled from 4 to 8 p.m. We invite you to contact your Class Rep listed on page 13 to help coordinate a class dinner. If your class does not yet have a Class Rep, please contact the Alumnae Office so that we can provide you with a complete class list.

8 p.m. – Decade Parties

Who is that? Do you remember her? Oh my goodness, is that her? An evening of laughter and memories awaits you at the decade parties on Friday night. Spend an evening at the Fairmont Hotel reminiscing with classmates and former staff. We'll be taking decade photos throughout the evening, so don't miss it!

Alumna to Perform at Decade Parties

Mira (Sahay) Black '90 began her vocal training on the road and in back alley bars across Canada. Her musicianship continues to grow academically as well as stylistically. From sweet acoustic ballads to raunchy electric rock, this powerful alto emotionally attacks every project. Her practice of method singing may lead you to find her in a trance, lost within her song.



Mira (Sahay) Black '90

Her Winnipeg appearances include the Winnipeg Folk Festival main stage, the West End Cultural Centre and opening for Sarah MacLachlan at the Walker Theatre. She has also performed across the country at many folk festivals and universities.

We are thrilled to have Mira perform for us at the *Centennial Reunion* Decade Parties, Friday, May 3rd.

Gathering for Staff & Former Staff

All current and former staff are invited to attend the *Centennial Reunion*. However, if you are unable to attend the entire weekend, we hope you will consider joining us at the Decade Parties on Friday, May 3rd at 8 p.m. at the Fairmont Hotel. This will be a great opportunity to see your former students and colleagues!

This option is only available to staff and the cost per person is \$10. Please use the enclosed Registration Form to register.

Saturday, May 4, 2002

11 a.m. – Special Meeting of the Alumnae Association

Where Do We Go From Here?

by Deborah Metcalfe '76, Alumnae Association President

Although your Alumnae Board has been primarily working on the *Centennial Reunion* weekend, we have also been discussing the direction in which the Alumnae Association could go following the weekend. With momentum building around the centennial celebrations, it seems to be a good time to look towards the future of the Association.

To this end, we are planning to work with an outside facilitator between now and May. We will review past goals, the historical role of our Association, the present role of other independent schools' alumnae, and where we go from here.

We need your input and opinions! Join us at a special meeting of the Association on Saturday, May 4, 2002 from 11 a.m. to noon. This is an exciting yet critical point for our Association – a time when a new focus is needed and the sky is the limit in terms of our role at BH. We need you to be there!

Already, many of you have indicated on your registration forms that you plan to attend the special meeting – thank you for your commitment to the future of the Alumnae Association! Input is required from alumnae of all ages and from all schools, regardless of your past involvement. You don't need to reside in Winnipeg to take part in this discussion. If you are unable to attend the reunion weekend, you are still most welcome to join us at this important meeting.

The more feedback we get from all alumnae prior to and during this meeting, the stronger our Association will be!



Grade 2 Tea Party
in Aikins House

Aikins House at its Best

by Carole Ann Baron '59

On Saturday, May 4th, the Heritage Committee will be offering tours of Aikins House (White House) as part of the weekend celebrations. We are anxious to show you the amount of work that has been done to this grand home that is very dear to our hearts.

Noon to 4 p.m. – Afternoon at BH

School on Saturday?

by Heather (Jessiman) Partridge '90 and Erin Palmer '00,
"Afternoon at BH" Co-Chairs

Just what a student does not want to hear, **except** during the reunion weekend! Balmoral Hall current students and teachers along with a group of alumnae have planned a most exciting day of activities at Balmoral Hall during the *Centennial Reunion*.

Come and see what life is like at BH today by touring the outstanding facility and watching current students demonstrate various activities, and also get a flashback to your school days as you walk around and see the past displayed before you.

Come and find your class picture on the wall, enjoy a performance in the theatre and share memories and laughs with your former classmates! Reminisce over lunch and tours of Balmoral Hall on Saturday, May 4th between 12 and 4 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there!

6 p.m. – Gala Dinner

by Drew Salter '77 & Lisa Shore '75, Gala Dinner Co-Chairs

Ashleigh will follow in her mother's footsteps as Master of Ceremonies for the Centennial Reunion Gala Dinner.



Ashleigh Banfield '85

Our committee is busy creating a wonderful evening for all alums, capping off a day of activities and memories. The Fairmont hotel has been marvelous at coming up with exciting ideas, menus and even a generous prize package for some lucky attendee. Nygard International has also made a fabulous surprise available. Balmoral's own art department under the guidance of Christina Kowalec will create unique centerpieces and our speakers are polishing up their words of wisdom.

The weekend is sure to be a trip down memory lane. Opportunities to cross paths with friends from long ago do not come our way very often so I urge you to make those reservations now and join us for a weekend that you will not regret.

If you would like to donate a door prize for the Gala Dinner, please contact the Alumnae Office at (204) 784-1603.

Centennial Reunion

Sunday, May 5, 2002



A Service to Remember

by Leslie (Stovell) Sprange '67

I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of the *Centennial Reunion* Planning Committee. Our group spans the years from 1938 to 2002. It has been an honour to work with such a dedicated group of women. I volunteered to organize the Church Service as it was always such a special time for me during my years at BH.

During the planning process, I have been in touch with many alums to try and learn about the traditions of each of our schools. I am trying to incorporate as many as possible into the planning of our special reunion church service. I hope to create an atmosphere that will reflect the past, present and future of a school that touched the lives of so many people.

I also have contacted Holy Trinity Church and our Rupe alums will be welcomed into their regular Sunday morning church service at 11:00. I am looking forward to our celebrations and seeing so many friends and BH Family again.

Reunion Legacy – The Centennial Endowment Fund

by Tina Alto, Director of Development

When one thinks of charitable organizations, it is not often that we consider our high school as being in need or worthy of our financial support. Indeed many alumnae correctly see Balmoral Hall as a strong, successful, leading all-girls day and boarding school and they do not see a need for their financial support. **But there is a need at BH and it links directly to our students and our future.**

Balmoral Hall has always strived to keep tuition affordable and struggled to budget its needs according to each year's tuition revenues. Without a strong endowment fund, we place ourselves at risk in the event of a recession or demographic shift. The quality of education, something everyone has worked so hard to build, must continue to flourish. To ensure our future we are committed to building our endowment fund.

In celebration of 100 years of commitment to encouraging, empowering and educating girls and young women to achieve their personal best, the Board of Governors of BH has entrusted the endowment of the Centennial Fund to the Winnipeg Foundation. This nest-egg, or endowment fund, will be invested by the Winnipeg Foundation which will provide an annual rate of return, some which will be reinvested to grow the endowed fund. The remainder of the annual return will be applied to financial aid for promising students unable to afford the full Balmoral Hall tuition.

We hope that our alumnae, the beneficiaries of a proud tradition of educational excellence, will remember our need for endowment gifts. When you review your charities of choice for annual gifts or when you update your will to ensure the needs of family and friends, please show your support with a gift for the future – direct your gift to Balmoral Hall School's Centennial Endowment Fund.



Grounded in our commitment to traditions and excited by the journey of exploration and discovery today's curriculum affords, the Balmoral Hall Centennial Endowment Fund will have an enduring impact on our students' education today and tomorrow.

Reunion Legacy

The Reunion Legacy Gift to the Centennial Endowment Fund will be recognized at the Centennial Reunion Gala Dinner. Your tax-deductible donation can be made on your registration form, on-line at www.balmoralhall.com or by contacting the Alumnae Office at (204) 784-1603.

...All in Preparation for a Memorable Weekend

by the Transportation, Accommodations & Hospitality Committee

Aynsley (Hinchliffe) Cockshott '83, Jocelyn Peifer '80 and Jackie Cantin '83 are delighted to be involved in making your reunion a happy and memorable one. In order to do so, we would like to make the following suggestions:

To Alums staying at the Hotel:

When making your reservation at the Fairmont Hotel, please use booking code **"BHALL"**. This will ensure that you will receive a discount on your room. The hotel is located at the corner of Portage & Main (formerly the Lombard and the Westin). A special rate of \$109 (single or double) per night is available for alumnae. Please call the hotel directly at 1-800-441-1414 to make your reservation.

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WINNIPEG

To our Out-of-Towners:

If you are flying into Winnipeg International Airport, please be advised that there won't be a shuttle service between the airport and the hotel. A short and easy taxi ride would cost you approximately \$16. We, the committee, are in the process of organizing transportation between the hotel, the School and Westminster United Church for the weekend.

If you have any special requirements with regards to transportation (i.e. wheelchair accessibility) or require any assistance, please contact the Alumnae Office c/o Geneviève Delaquis (204) 784-1603. She will pass on all information to the committee and we will do the utmost to ensure that all your needs are met.

From the Premier of Manitoba



Gary Doer
Premier of Manitoba



PREMIER OF MANITOBA
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A MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

I am pleased to have this opportunity to convey my congratulations to all students, alumnae, parents and teachers of Balmoral Hall as they celebrate their 100th Anniversary.

One hundred years of dedication to knowledge and teaching is certainly a milestone worthy of celebration. Throughout these many years, the administration and teachers have never failed to stay true to the vision and goals of the school's founders, emphasizing a balanced approach to learning that is summed up in the following: "to educate, encourage and empower girls and young women to achieve their personal best." We have come to associate high academic standards and quality education with this institution, which is a very worthy goal that we certainly all share in this province.

I know there will be a wonderful time had by all at the many events, productions and reunions planned throughout the year. We are happy to offer Balmoral Hall our sincere congratulations on this very special occasion, and all the best in the future.

Gary Doer



To our Winnipeg Alums:

When registering for the weekend, please provide either an email address or current phone number so that we can keep you posted of any last minute changes.

Please be advised that parking at and around the School remains very limited so we would strongly encourage carpooling whenever possible. Parking off-site is currently in the works and shuttle transportation will be arranged from the off-site parking to and from the School. Parking at the hotel is also limited and falls under the umbrella of the hotel.

Last, but certainly not least, as the details of the reunion start to fall into place and come closer to fruition, we look forward to seeing everyone very soon!

**Register before
March 15th and
receive the
Early Bird fee!**

Volunteers Needed for the Reunion!

Some of these areas require some work before the *Centennial Reunion*, and others are on-site duties. **For more information or to volunteer**, please contact the Alumnae Office at (204) 784-1603 or alumnae@balmoralhall.com

Archives	Plan for, organize and set up archive displays
Church Service	Assist with service at Westminster and/or Holy Trinity service for Rupe alums
Class Dinners	Work with Class Reps to organize class dinners on Friday evening
Decade Parties	Greet alums in the decade rooms – looking for one rep from Riverbend and one from the 1950s, '70s, '80s, '90s
Decorations	Decorate various venues being used throughout weekend
Evaluation	Conduct & compile an evaluation of the reunion
Gala Dinner	Work on the seating plan; coordinate centerpieces, programme etc.
Greetings	Compile & post greetings sent by alums that can not attend reunion
Legacy Gift	Coordinate the presentation of the Endowment Fund at the Gala Dinner
Luncheon	Help set up and take down the luncheon on Saturday afternoon
Media	Write & distribute media releases; coordinate media on-site
Alum Meeting	Assist with the Alumnae Association meeting
Manual	Compile information from sub-committees to produce a final Reunion Manual
Message Board	Coordinate a message board during the weekend
Photo Album	Assist with the Reunion Photo Album following the event
Registration	Stuff kits; cut & assemble name tags; help at the registration desk
Residence Gathering	Organize an opportunity for boarders to meet with one another
Safety & Security	Plan for security at BH; arrange for St. John's Ambulance services
Saturday Helpers	Help with set up & take down; be available on-site for various odd jobs
Signage	Order and coordinate signage for the weekend
Social	Assist with social on Thurs. May 2; sell/take tickets, decorate, set up/clean up
Souvenirs	Set up booth; sell items during the weekend
Photography	Assist photographer with group photos
Reception	Plan a reception for former Heads of School & special guests
Theatre	Perform in the Alumnae Show on Saturday afternoon
Tours	Act as main contact for students involved in giving tours
Transportation	Shuttle alumnae from off-site parking to the School – must have Class 4 licence
Video	Develop script for video, work with BH students on production
Volunteer Room	Set up a welcome area for volunteers during the weekend
Volunteer Reception	Plan a Volunteer Reception following the reunion

Our call for memorabilia on the Centennial Reunion registration form has had many alums digging through closets & attics! In preparation for the reunion, we are looking for any memorabilia you may have. **We are also in great need of volunteers to help display this memorabilia in May.** Please contact the Alumnae Office if you can help.

Thank you to the following people for their donations to the Archives:

Alice (Veals) Hurd RLS '39 – Fire bell from Rupert's Land will be donated at the time of the *Centennial Reunion*, May 2002.

Elspeth (Thompson) Brown RLS '46
Matheson House pin & RLS crest

Mary Park (Tucker) Taylor RLS '48

Newspaper clippings, basketball photographs, 1947 & 48 Distribution of Prizes programmes, RLS Christmas card.

Nancy Green '55 – 1951, 52, 53, 54 & 55 yearbooks; 1955 Christmas Carol Service program; graduation photos; interim prospectus for fall term of 1950; Gymnastics & Dancing at the Playhouse Theatre – 1953 program; several newspaper clippings and photographs; summary of school account; correspondence to parents from the Board Chair & Headmistress.

Nora (Baker) Lavoie '63 – Issues of *The Portal*, Reunion 87 registration package, BH scrapbook

Katharine (Kilgour) England '65
Scrapbook

Eva Newman '66 – School blazer

Cynthia Lone '71 – 1966 Christmas Carol Service Program, 1959 BH Hymn Book, 1960 school photo, 1971 grad dinner photo

Christy (Coughlin) Bangen '79 – BH doll, 1979 wine glass from grad, school captain silver tray

Brenda Halliday, former staff – Balmoral Bear, Spirit of Excellence 1901–1991 sweatshirt, Ballater sweatshirt, BH sweatshirt & sweat pants, kilt pins



Christy's doll and Brenda's bear

Incredible Items Now in the Archives



Alum's Autobiography Read by Grade Sevens

by Marilyn Clarke, Grade 7 English Teacher

Marianne (Burwood) Hollamby RLS '48 published her autobiography in 1999. She also donated a classroom set of 30 books to the library. Her fascinating book entitled *I Remember it in Colour* chronicles her life from 1939, when Britain entered World War II. She came to Canada as a British war guest and attended Rupert's Land College between January 1942 and June 1944. Her book contains a myriad of annotated pictures.

Grade 7 students have read her book as part of their English course this fall. They feel they know Marianne on a first name basis, and they have learned so much about wartime and the history of their school.

January 18, 2002, the Grade 7 class presented an assembly featuring the 1940s as part of the centennial year monthly decade assemblies. Winnipeg alums from Rupert's Land and Riverbend Schools were invited to attend.

The girls and I are eagerly looking forward to meeting Mrs. Hollamby in May when she plans to attend the *Centennial Reunion* and celebrate with us the School's 100th anniversary.

Visit Scotland this Summer

What better way to celebrate Balmoral Hall School's Centennial year than to travel to the landmarks that the School is named after! Visit **Ballater, Braemar, Craig Gowan** (on the Balmoral estate) and the breathtaking glen (valley) of **Glen Gairn**.

The tour is tailor-made for the Balmoral Hall Family with visits to Balmoral, Braemar and many other castles, a sightseeing day in Edinburgh, the Royal Lochnagar Distillery and hiking trips in some of the ancient Caledonian forests with stunning waterfalls, hills and mountains of the Royal Deeside area. Our home in the highlands is Mar Lodge, Queen Victoria's hunting lodge restored to perfection.

You will be privately escorted around all the sites, your meals will be prepared for you when you are not dining in some of the finest establishments in the country, and at the end of the trip, you will be entertained by some magnificent Scottish entertainers at the final Ceilidh party.

This is the trip of a lifetime! For more information and registration, call Gaelyn or Russell at Scottish Secrets, (204) 888-9380. Limited space available on both June 19–30 and July 19–30, 2002 trips.

Join 500 other Alums Online!

If you haven't already joined the Alumnae Email Directory, you don't know what you're missing! This directory is password protected and only available to alumnae and staff. Search for classmates by name, graduation year or city. Post a note to your class or become a Mentor.

Class Reps

If you are interested in being your Class Rep, contact the Alumnae Office for more info!

Rupert's Land

1934	Betty (Foster) Wilcox
1936	Phyllis 'Timmie' Hutchins Moore
1938	Barb (Hamon) Aldous
1942–44	Jocelyn (Highmoor) Ryles
1945–47	Gwen (Lipsey) Moulden & Pat (Wilson) McLaughlin
1948–49	Corinne (Anderson) Sawchuk

Riverbend

1938	Barbara (Newcombe) Hill
1944–45	Marion (Hambley) Campbell
1949	Carolyn (Dowler) Graham
1950	Daphne (White) Lindsay

Balmoral Hall

1951	Mary Hope (McInnis) Cunningham
1955	Sylvia (Pierce) Baker
1956	Diane (Grindley) Hardwick
1960	Judy (Munro) Jessiman
1962	Bea (Nichol) MacKay
1963	Joanne Sutherland
1966	Susan Bracken
1967	Leslie (Stovell) Sprange
1968	Sydney (Kennedy) Lightbody
1970	Heather (McNichol) Brown
1971	Cynthia Lone
1973	Debbie (Stilborn) Heenan
1974	Signy Stewart
1975	Barb (Jacks) Davenport
1976	Deborah Metcalfe
1977	Liz Cherewan-Watson
1978	Catherine (Coughlin) Thiessen
1979	Cynthia (Kilpatrick) Eaton
1980	Tracy Macanachie
1981	Heather (Hinchliffe) Ragot
1982	Maria (Clark) Lysack
1983	Carol (Premachuk) Steel
1984	Kim (Fyles) Fredericksen
1985	Anna-Lisa Cohen
1986	Angela Hilland & Jill Condra
1987	Bonnie (Cunningham) Cross
1988	Kristin (Shanski) Beaudin
1990	Lauren Toni & Heather (Jessiman) Partridge
1992	Vanessa Chang
1993	Sharon Moir
1995	Catriona Macfarlane
1996	Wendy Campbell
1998	Sarah Young & Alexis Cloutier
1999	Crystal Bewza
2000	Ann-Marie Noseworthy
2001	Kelsey Mills
2002	Amanda Aldous

Help us Reach Our Goal Before June 2002!

Special Initiative: Matching the Carolyn Sifton Foundation Challenge

The Matching Gift campaign is an exciting opportunity to make your gift work harder. The Carolyn Sifton Foundation is committed to matching all funds raised to debt by June 30, 2002.

The Carolyn Sifton Foundation made their 1st outright cash gift of \$500,000 on October 1, 2001! Now, we must meet their Matching Challenge and together raise a million dollars for our school!

On The Road to \$500,000...

BH is very grateful to all those who have taken part in the challenge to eliminate debt. As of January 15, 2002, our goal is clearly within reach. To date we have raised:

Annual Giving	\$ 53,537
Major Gifts	\$304,000
Special Events	\$ 58,463
Total raised to date:	\$416,000

Realizing our goal will be the most sincere "thank you" we can offer to the Carolyn Sifton Foundation for their generosity.

How Are We Raising Funds?

Annual Giving appeals have been sent to current parents, alumnae, former parents, staff, grandparents and friends of the School. Through *The Portal* magazine, direct mailings and personal solicitations, support for this campaign is growing.

Special events are another key component to the success of this campaign. The Parent Association has donated proceeds from their 2001 and 2002 events.

What Does This Campaign Support?

By reducing Balmoral Hall's debt, operating funds can be redirected to enriching student programs.

You too can Leave your Mark on Balmoral Hall!

Members of the BH Family have endowed 126 seats in the Sifton Family Theatre. There are still some seats left! For information on how to get a seat of your own, please call Tina Alto in the Development Office at (204) 784-1614.

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE FOR THE NEXT 100 YEARS



MELIORA PETENS THE FAIRMONT HOTEL

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2002

Tickets: \$110.00
Patrons: \$125.00

Dress: Abstract and Out There.
(Black tie optional)

To confirm attendance please call **Charlotte Sytnyk 897-0655**
Fax reservations to: **(204) 897-3955**

Cocktails 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Silent/Live Auction

Grab bags

Dance the night away to the sounds of Eli Herscovitch



The painting (on display at Balmoral Hall)
The inspiration for the design of the invitation came from the Barry Burdeny painting that is graciously donated for the auction.

Look forward to seeing you there.
The Parent Association

Deadline for
reservations is
February 26, 2002



The BH Alumnae Association wants to know where you are and what you're doing. Share your milestone events with the BH Family such as weddings, births, promotions and awards.

We'll be sure to include you in the next issue of *The Portal*. Write, call or email us at alumnae@balmoralhall.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

Marjorie (Kelm) Fox RIV '42

Thank you for the note of concern from the Alumnae Association. Our immediate family in Maryland is safe and we are coming to terms with the future. The healing is taking place, the flags are once more flying high. Thank you again for reaching out with your thoughts and prayers at this sad time.

Jocelyn (Highmoor) Ryles RLS '43

I have just received my copy of *The Portal*... congratulations on producing an interesting and newsworthy magazine. Reading it and looking at the photographs from the past bring back fond memories of 60 years ago.

Valerie Halland RLS '48

I am an old pupil and receive your magazine. I was happy at your school and was taught initiative and self-reliance. The school has progressed since my time – I am pleased to see how well the pupils do.

Marianne (Burwood) Hollamby RLS '48

Wishing all the best to those who are working so hard to organize the reunion in May (Can't wait! I know it will be every bit as wonderful as 1987!).

Elaine (Tempest) Williams RLS '49

Thanks for the information about Shannon (Hall) McCorquodale RLS '49 – I really appreciate it! Doreen (Harknett) Utas RLS '49 was really pleased to hear from you and is planning to attend the Reunion. We're sure looking forward to it, thanks again for all your hard work.

From the Minister of Education



Drew Caldwell
Minister of
Education



MINISTER OF EDUCATION, TRAINING AND YOUTH

Room 168
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October 25, 2001

Students and Staff
Balmoral Hall School
630 Westminster Avenue
Winnipeg MB R3C 3S1

Dear Students and Staff:

On behalf of Manitoba Education, Training and Youth, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my personal congratulations to your school on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary.

Balmoral Hall School has a long and proud tradition of academic excellence. You can be justifiably proud of the high degree of success your alumni have enjoyed.

Once again, congratulations on your 100th Anniversary, and best wishes for continued success and growth.

Yours sincerely,

Honourable Drew Caldwell



Georgia (Brown) Hilderman '53

Georgia stopped by on September 25, 2001 to see the school and look at Riverbend yearbooks in the school archives with her daughter and granddaughter.

Linda (Leach) Radcliffe '63

Hello to the BH class of 1963 and those shoulder years around us! I trust you're all planning on joining us in May 2002 for the *Centennial Reunion*! Anyone at Reunion '87 will remember its feel-good atmosphere, the raucous laughter and the comical trip down memory lane – talks of Campfire Notebooks, Bun and Milk, the annual (and unforgettable) Christmas Carol Service and the Lilac Tea. It is a heart-warming weekend, and such a special opportunity to reconnect with old friends. Please be sure to mark it in your calendar and plan to join us – you will be so glad you did!

Donna (Nesbitt) Kirisits '64

Donna is the Director, Human Resources for CCL Custom Manufacturing in Toronto, and also teaches at Sheridan College. She and her husband Joe live in Brampton, ON and are the proud parents of two sons. "The most important thing about my time at Balmoral is my enduring friendship with **Marcia (Jackson) Boyd '64**. To this day, we are as close as our days at BH."



Class of '67

Summer 2001 (l-r) **Cathy Pennock, Jean (Riley) Senft, Leslie (Stovell) Sprange, Deirdre Malone**

Deborah Metcalfe '76

As well as being the President of the Alumnae Association and the Treasurer for the *Centennial Reunion*, Debbie is also the Finance Chair for the Board of Governors of Balmoral Hall School. Thank you for your hard work!

The Sethiwan Sisters

Maureen & Raymond Bannister are looking for **Sriwan Sethiwan '77** and **Panee**

Sethiwan '78. These students were originally from Thailand and lived in residence. The Bannisters have fond memories of a two-week stay over the holidays and hope to re-connect with the girls. If you know the whereabouts of these alums, please contact the Alumnae Office.

Lisa deJardin Kay '83

Lisa lives in Kamloops, BC where she teaches elementary school. She married Brent Kay in 1994, and had her first child, Emily Reid Kay on January 4, 1998. On June 30, 2001, her second child, Ireland Olivia Kay was born. "I have a great many fond memories of my eight years at BH, and am still in touch with some classmates."



Mary-Lea Horbay '84

"I've been in Toronto since 1988 having a great time. Still keep in very close touch with Kim Fyles, Lisagh King, Jacqueline Ross, Fiona Murray, Katie Slater and Jennifer Balon – all alumnae! Looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion." Seen here are Kim Fyles, Lisagh King and Mary-Lea at Civita's this summer.

Jeriann George '87

"Can't wait for the reunion – dying to see the 'old' faces (by old I mean familiar) ."

Lisa (Gurevich) Sabin '89

Lisa is an actress and a singer living in New York City. She has been married for four years and works in the theatre and in cabaret. She also just recorded a CD of jazz standards.



Mekhul (Ramgoolam) Verma '89

Mekhul was married on June 8, 2001 at the Hotel Fort Garry to Dr. Subodh Verma.

Alex Buechel '91

Alex recently graduated from the University of Manitoba with a Bachelor of Interior Design. She is now employed as an interior designer at Penthouse in Winnipeg.

Claire (Monteiro) McCorquodale '92

Claire was married on September 1, 2001 to Lt. Andrew McCorquodale at St. Luke's Anglican Church in Winnipeg. She and her husband are happily building their new lives together while stationed in Greenwood, Nova Scotia. Claire has been progressing in her career as a Critical Care RN, having worked in hospitals in Winnipeg and now in Nova Scotia.



Staff & School News



Mrs. Kay Condra (left) and **Mrs. Bev Tytgat** seen here in Aikins House were celebrating Mrs. Condra's retirement. After 20 years at BH, she will be dearly missed!

Audrey Greenhill

"I have marked my calendar and am looking forward to seeing everyone at the *Centennial Reunion* in May!"

Lindy Ledohowski

Ms. Ledohowski was featured in the 2000 – 2001 Annual Report of the University of Manitoba. Two years ago, she was hired as senior submissions editor of romance novels for Winnipeg-based Ponder Publishing. She is an aspiring writer herself and brings these great qualities to her Senior School classroom at BH.



Photo by Tony Nardella.

Brenda Halliday

Brenda started a new job in October 2001 as the librarian for the Canadian Children's Book Centre in Toronto. This organization has helped BH plan many author visits over the years. Staff are welcome to email her at Brenda@bookcentre.ca. "All the best to everyone at the School."



Varsity Volleyball Champions

This year, the Varsity Girls volleyball team were the Manitoba High School Athletic Association Crosstown Conference champions! It is the first time since 1987 that our team advances to the AAA Provincials. There, we placed in the top 8. *Congratulations!*

In Memoriam



Frances (Code) Hall HAV '16

Frances passed away in May 1998 in Vancouver where she had resided for many years.

Born in Winnipeg in 1900, she attended Havergal Ladies' College and was an active member of the Junior League before moving with her husband to Calgary and later to Vancouver. In 1987, she was one of the oldest alumnae to attend Reunion 87 and wrote, "There was a great sense of belonging – it made one realize just how important those school years were to us."

Eva Mary (Adamson) Pugh RLS '33

Over twenty years after graduating from the University of Manitoba, Eva Mary received her LL.B. in 1957. Owing to the period in which she graduated with her law degree, she was unable to obtain satisfactory work in the legal profession. She held a number of supervisory positions with government, insurance and health care. Eva passed away in Winnipeg on December 9, 2001.

Elizabeth (Betty) Anne (Woodman) Pugh RLS '40

Betty was married in 1943 and moved with her husband Gerald to Comox, BC where he was stationed. After spending several years in eastern Canada, they moved back to Comox where she played golf, cycled and became an avid painter. She spent her last three years in the care of her daughter and passed away peacefully on September 11, 2001.

From the Mayor of Winnipeg



Glen Murray
Mayor of Winnipeg



Office of the Mayor • Cabinet du Maire

September 2001

Message from Mayor Glen Murray

It is with real admiration and respect that I extend greetings to each and every one of you as you participate in this historic 100th Anniversary of Balmoral Hall School. I know many of you have gone on to successful careers and are active community volunteers. Winnipeg is blessed with truly dedicated citizens renowned for tireless giving in virtually every sector of urban life, from our festivals to recreation and health programs. Balmoral Hall graduates provide the leadership and energy that is so vital to our many organizations.

For those of you returning home from outside the Winnipeg area, I hope you will have a chance to become reacquainted with our many attractions, including our new night clubs and bistros and tremendous restaurants offering cuisine from every corner of the globe.

Once again, on behalf of my colleagues on City Council and all citizens of Winnipeg, welcome and best wishes for your continued success.

GLEN MURRAY,
MAYOR

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Audrey (Robb) Baker RIV '43

Audrey passed away in April 2001. She is survived by three children: Robb Lawrence, Linda "Pinkie" McAllister and Guy Lawrence, as well as seven grandchildren and her brother Gordon, sister Jocelyn RIV '49 and her husband Allan Baker.



Barbara Ann (Sherman) Cantlie RLS '43, Past Staff 1973 – 87

The daughter of the late Most Reverend Louis Ralph Sherman, Archbishop of Rupert's Land, Barbara graduated from the University of Manitoba and raised her family. She then obtained her teaching certificate and embarked on a much-loved

career of teaching English. For many years, she taught at BH where she was the Head of the English Department. Barbara passed away in her 77th year in Toronto on December 3, 2001 and will be missed by many students and staff.

Phyllis Huston RIV '48

July 2001 in St. John's New Brunswick.

June (Harris) Reynard '56

November 2001 in Kenora.

Lynn McLean, Past Staff 1981 – 85

December 2001 in Winnipeg.

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Balmoral Hall School
Girls for the Cure
1 Walk, Run in Support of Breast Cancer

Standing proudly at The Forks,
student organizers display their banner.

Students Raise Over \$23,000 for Breast Cancer Research

It was a cold, rainy day on October 4th, 2001 when Grades 1 to 12 embarked on Balmoral Hall's first-ever *Girls for the Cure*, a run/walk in support of breast cancer. Although it was extremely cold running on the river walk, it did not stop us from achieving our goal. In the end, we raised \$23,061. **Congratulations BH!**

Along the route, Senior School girls team up
with Junior School to make the trek to
The Forks, a long distance for little legs!



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